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TAX PREPARER INDICTED ON TAX FRAUD AND EVASION CHARGES

BUFFALO N.Y.--A federal grand jury in Buffalo has returned a 34 count indictment charging Vincent Mangione, of North Tonawanda, New York, with Tax Fraud and Tax Evasion, announced U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison, a fine of \$500,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael DiGiacomo stated that Mangione was charged after the Internal Revenue Service determined he was filing false Quarterly Federal Tax Returns for various businesses in the Western New York area. The defendant owned and operated MTS Payroll and Mil-Sher Tax Services. Mangione was hired by the businesses to calculate state and federal withholding tax amounts and to submit those amounts to the Internal Revenue Service. However, unbeknownst to the businesses Mangione would secure from the businesses the proper amount of quarterly tax due to the IRS and then submit a false return on behalf of the business that under represented the amount of tax due to the IRS. Mangione would then keep the difference for his own personal use.

The Indictment was the result of an investigation by Special Agents from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Unit under the direction of Supervisory Special Agent Shaun P. Healy. The Internal Revenue Service suggest, especially with tax season upon us, that you contact their hotline at 716-961-5649 to report any tax fraud occurring in Western New York.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.